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REMARKS

In order to promote administrative efficiency and better communication, the Examiner is invited to make suggestions at any time during the proceedings, on or off the record, via phone, fax or e-mail, whenever such suggestions are within the Examiner's discretion as an aid to placing the claims in order for allowance in a timely manner.

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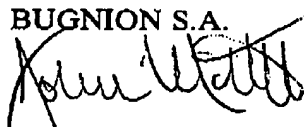
Conclusion

Applicant has made a diligent effort to advance the prosecution of this application by cancelling claims, by amending claims, and by pointing out herein with particularity how the claims now presented are patentably distinct from the prior art of record. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims, as amended, are now in condition for allowance. Again, if the Examiner has further questions, she is invited to contact the undersigned at phone 011-4171-230-1000, fax at 011-4122-346-8960 (Geneva is 6 hours ahead of Eastern Std Time), or e-mail at patents@bugnion.ch.

The Undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee or credit any overpayment of any fee under 37 CFR §1.16 and §1.17, which may be required in this application to the deposit account of BUGNION S.A., no. 50-0800.

Respectfully submitted,

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